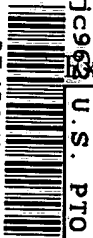


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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled: **ARRANGEMENT OF A SOUND HOLE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SOUND HOLE BOARD IN AN ACOUSTIC GUITAR**

and invented by: Mathew McPherson

for which small entity status is claimed.

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:
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For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
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3. ☒ Specification having 13 pages and including the following: 13 pages
- a. ☒ Application Cover Sheet - 1 page
  - b. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - c. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
  - d. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
  - e. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix *(if applicable)*
  - f. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - h. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if applicable)*
  - i. ☒ Detailed Description
  - j. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below - 3 pages
  - k. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure - 1 page
4. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 113)* - 5 sheets 5 pages
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration \_\_\_\_\_ pages
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  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional appln only)*
6. ☐ Separate Power of attorney \_\_\_\_\_ pages
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee and power of attorney is from assignee)*. It is hereby certified that the undersigned has authority to make this certification and has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified herein and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified in the accompanying Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Power of Attorney filed in parent application.

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7. ☐ Incorporation by Reference *(usable if Box 5b is checked)*  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
8. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)* \_\_\_\_\_ pages
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- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy *(identical to computer copy)*
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy
10. Publication Data: \_\_\_\_\_ pages
- a. ☐ Nonpublication Request
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13. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement: \_\_\_\_\_ pages
- a. ☐ PTO Form 1449      b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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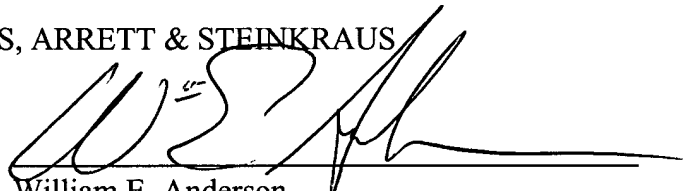
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- ☒ Constructive Petition for Extension of Time and Fee Authorization Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3)
- ☒ Correspondence Address form
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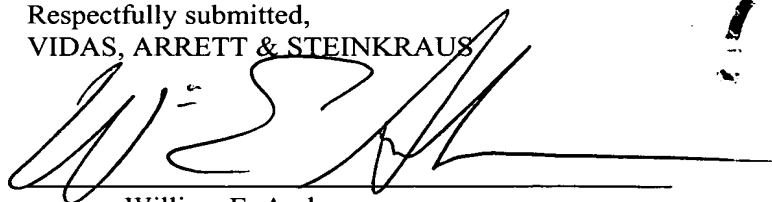
Applicant hereby requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time pursuant to §1.136 for its timely submission as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

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